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IRAN

- I. There has been no appreciable lessening of Soviet propaganda against Shah of Iran, and some influential Iranians are urging Shah to become more conciliatory.
 - A. Wide-range of US embassy contacts reflect increasing concern over domestic repercussions from Soviet propaganda attacks.
 - B. Popular pride and self-esteem in standing up to the Soviet attacks may be giving way to nervousness and lack of self-confidence.
- II. Shah continues to maintain his firm line toward the USSR but domestic pressures may be undermining both his resolve and the stability of the regime.
 - A. Some military leaders in Tehran area are again reported plotting to oust Shah and reorganize government.
 - B. We are not yet convinced that these plots as we know them are an immediate threat to the Shah, but there seems to be an increase in this type of activity which bodes evil for the regime.

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